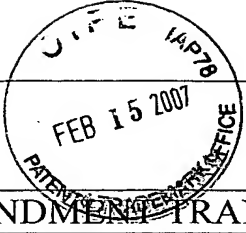


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No fees are believed due. However, if any fees are due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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In response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2007, please enter the following amendment and remarks as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.